## FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

- A Stray Kitten. A pretty little kitten,
- With coat of downy white, Out on the doorstep lying. And tender hearted Lily, Who heard poor pussy mew, Brought her right in and warmed her
- As well as she could do! Ah, soon the tiny stranger Its gray eyes opened wide And started softly purring



Who filled a great big saucer That soon the hungry pussy Began to sup and eat!

- If pussy won't go straying She never will be hungry Or homeless any more. And she can play with dolly.
- For Lily says she may, Ev'ry sunshiny day.

  -Annie M. Toohey in Christian at Work.

An Oriental Story. An eastern king was once in need of a

less work? As soon as we put the wa-

"But we have our day's wages, haven't

down his bucket he went away. The other man continued his work till, about sunset, he exhausted the well.

"Now I see the use of pouring water | the Scriptures. -St. Louis Republic. into a basket," he exclaimed to himself "If the bucket had brought up the ring before the well was dry, it would have

But he had yet to learn why the king given in the St. Louis Republic: had ordered this apparently useless task. It was to test their capacity for perfect

At this moment the king came up to him, and as he bade the man keep the "Thou hast been faithful in a little

at my hand."-Sunday Hour. Helen Keller.

A recent issue of The Youth's Companion contains a sketch of the life of Helen Keller, written by herself. It is a peculiarly touching story and written with



that she did it entirely unassisted.

The rose maiden game is a pretty way to entertain the guests at a girl's birthday. To play the game prettily there must be a quantity of paper roses—one for each little girl. The roses must be California roses, which are as large as a

When the little guests are all assembled, each little girl gets a rose, while row while some one tells a story about the garden flowers. Whenever the red roses are mentioned, the little girls wearing the red rose bonnets bow their heads deeply, and when the white roses are mentioned the white rose maidens do the same. And so on through all the colors. If a little rose maiden makes a mistake and bows at the wrong time, her bonnet is turned round so that it covers her face. -Philadelphia Press.

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Cend me one word or sign that my soul's lonely cry is heard.

Sweetheart, beyond the night

Sweetheart, not clasping hand I ask, but I would know and understand One waiting spirit looks and longs for ma.

—J. L. Heaton in "The Quitting Bea."

HEAVEN AND HELL.

Hell and heaven beliefs had their origin about the year 150 B. C., and tion.

over and purified by fire, will be the final | pleasure. - New York Tribune. resting place of those who escape the horrors of perpetual punishment in the hell that has been prepared "for those who love sin." Dr. Whiston, the friend of Sir Isaac Newton and the first of the great race of "speculative astronomers," believes that hell is located on a comet.

ever investigated was that advanced by specimen of the common viper of southfaithful servant and friend. He gave Dr. Mortimer, author of "The Spirit of eru France, which for more than 20 notice that he wanted a man to do a God as Fire." One of the several sub- years had been exhibited in the soologday's work, and two men came and asked stitutes of this remarkable book was one | ical museum at Angers, France, pre to be employed. He engaged them both which gave the reader to understand served in alcohol. The first experiment for certain fixed wages and set them to that the author believed that heaven is with one of the poisonous fangs of this work to fill a basket with water from a located on the inner globe of the san, snake seemed to show that the 20 years' neighboring well, saying he would come This substitute was "The Globe Within | contact with the alcohol had robbed the in the evening and see their work. He | the Sun Our Heaven." According to poison of its virulence, for a sparrow then left them to themselves and went | Mortimer's theory, our sun is surround- | wounded with one of its teeth did not ed by an envelope or photosphere of develop any symptoms of being poisoned. After putting in one or two bucket- flame 100,000 miles itself. Taken all The cause of the nonaction of the poison together, this idea of the photosphere is at first was speedily found, however, in What is the good of doing this use- a vast nonluminous void. Farther on it

the great globe of the sun itself. Taken all together, this idea of the or a plum. The envelope of frame occu- some of the poisonous substance with a pies the place of the skin, the 'vast | fine needle and injected a minimal porwe? The use of the work is the master's nonluminous void" the place of the tion of it into the sparrow, the latter meat of the fruit and the central globe | showed all the symptoms of poisoning "I am not going to do such fool's (true sun) the place of the seed. On this | inside of half an hour, which gradually work," replied the other, and throwing sun globe, inside the great flery envelope, Dr. Mortimer believed heaven to be situated. The photosphere or envelope of fire he took to be hell or the place snake poison loses its dangerods and Looking down into it he saw something of future punishment for the wicked. shining at the bottom. He let down his The "nonluminous void," according to reptile, great care in handling dead bucket once more and drew up a precious | Mortimer, is the "great gulf between," | snakes will be a matter of common sense which is mentioned quite frequently in | precaution.

Saved by a Sausage. It is possible to overestimate the courbeen found in the basket. The labor was age of a robber, as may be seen by this an aged colored woman, weary and story by Judge Seymour D. Thompson, McNab was the hero of a hairbreadth escape. It was in Canada, where Mcobedience, without which no servant is Nab, a brawny Scotchman, was a fellow colporteur of my father, the Rev. Sey-

mour Thompson. The two became separated on the night of McNab's adventure. The Scotchman was riding through a forest | tion to count out two little piles of four thing; now I see I can trust thee in great unarmed. He had a package of Bibles things. Henceforward thou shalt stand on one side of his saddle and on the other a string of frozen sausages, which | ther, but, with her tacks and hammer, were to be thawed and cooked for his she walked out of the store as triumphbreakfast. A highwayman stopped Mo- antly as would a business man who had

> The Scotchman was frightened. He Herald. never denied that. He had a little money in his boot, and he leaned over to remove the boot and satisfy the demand of the robber. His hand struck against the frozen sausages. "He bethought himsef of these. Perhaps they would be accepted instead of money. He broke one of them in two and was about to offer half of it to the highwayman, when suddenly he found himself alone and heard the clatter of a horse's rapidly retreating hoofs. Badly frightened as he was, McNab laughed. The robber had mistaken the cracking of the sansage for the cocking of a pistol and

A Mouse's Quarter Century Run. such ability that one could almost doubt a swinging shelf on which food was qualities have been much overrated .that it was the work of a girl only 13 kept. A mouse jumped from the wall New York Post. years old-and she blind and deaf-if on to the tire of the front wheel, evi-The Companion did not give assurance | dently hoping thereby to reach the shelf. The wheel started, and mousie natu-The picture here presented is a late rally ran toward the highest part of it. one and shows Helen Keller at work on It was able to stay on the top of the her typewriter, with which her life story tire, but couldn't get enough of a foot- including man. In the human race this was written. Her signature, which is hold to jump to the wall. When found third eye forms part of the pineal gland also reproduced herewith, was the one next morning, the mouse was very much affixed to the article in The Companion, exhausted, though still running. The and it is the first she ever wrote with a cylometer showed that it had traveled

over 28 miles. - Albany Express. A country rector complained to a well known dignitary of the church that he had received only £5 for preaching a "Five pounds!" ejaculated the dignitary. "Wby, I would not have preached

that sermon for £50."-London Titone of the older people present help her take out the inside leaves and to fit it youd the fifteenth century and did not over her head as if it were a bonnet, out originate at the shrine, but were carried of which her face is becomingly peeping. there by pilgrims. Such is the conclu-

Then all the little maidens stand in a sion, after careful examination, of Father Sauren of Cologne. It is said that the word "flapdoodle' was first used by Captain Marryat in "Peter Simple," where it was made to

mean "the stuff they feed fools on." The statue of Jupiter Olympius, by Phidias, was of gold and ivory and was 58 feet high. It was finished in the year

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An Arctic Christmas. The crew of an arctic explorer had great pleasure, one Christmas amid the ice and snow, in teaching the little Eskimo children how to observe an American Christmas. The queer little tots That hides your dear lost form from mortal and Santa Claus was an unknown personage. The sailors were desperately bemesick, until one of them, with little ones of his own, happened to think of a Christmas tree for the little, chubby Eskimos, with their round heads and soft,

dark eyes. A real, live, green tree was, of course, cut of the question in that icy region. so the men gathered up the bones of slaughtered walruses, bears, whales and other creatures and tied them together so that they branched out in every direc-

since that time there have been thou- When it came to candy, they could sands of attempts to locate these places, not get that, either; but instead they the one of future punishment and the made balls of whale blubber, or fat, of other of everlusting happiness. The old | which the little for wrapped Eskimo is mediaval idea of hell is the one which extremely fond, and these queer substigives us to understand that the devil tutes for caramels were tied on the and his imps' have their furnaces and "tree" with colored cord. Bright beads, their caldron, and other articles of in shining buttons, some brass headed fernal utility constantly working some- tacks and a few other such remarkable where within the bowels of the earth. "presents" were also tied on, and then On the other hand, we are told and be- bits of lighted candles were stuck all fieve that beaven is an abode of light, about, giving quite a festive air to the beauty and joy located far above the | queerest Christmas tree that was probearth. One writer believes that heaven ably ever seen. But the Eskimo children will be on a planet which will be pre- enjoyed it to a wonderful degree, and pared for the saints in the last day, and the homesick sailors grew bright and another believes that this earth, burned | cheerful in giving them such a novel

Poisoned by a Snake In Alcohol. A surprising experiment demonstrating the lasting qualities of snake poison was recently made by Professor Maisonneuve, which showed that a dead snake is almost as dangerous as a live one. But the most curious theory we have The professor took an nunsually large trance of the canal into the tooth, which prevented the poison from flowing. sun may be aprly compared to a peach | When Professor Maisonneave extracted increased until it died in convulsions in 2 hours after the injection of the poison. As it was heretofore believed that virulent qualities with the death of the

> Auntie's Practical Arithmetic. It was only the other night, in the grammar school on Ringold street, that worn with her years of ceaseless labor. omprehended for the first time in her the dawning light of knowledge, radisign, "Tacks, 4 cents; hammers, 4 than white are at once separated from cents," she could not resist the tempta-

pennies each from her scanty supply and Nab's reflections and his progress at the just made a real estate deal which net-

> Raw Oysters. One of the most eminent of French physicians, the late Dujardin-Beaumetz, orged for years before his death that persons of light or feeble digestion should not eat raw oysters, because they contain a chemical which excites fermentation as soon as it comes in contact with the gastric juice. Being an easy carrier of germs, too, the oyster communicates very readily any pathogenic microbe which it may contain to the inonce. Recent investigations corroborate the opinion of the French scientist and may lead to the banishment of the hitherto esteemed raw oyster from the list

It will probably be news to most peopie to hear that rudimentary traces of a third eye exist among all vertebrates, -a small mass about the size of a pea in almost the very center of the brain. Possibly, therefore, there was more actual truth in the well known expression,

Koran Arabie. The Arabic used in the Koran differs s much from the Arabic used in ordinary conversation and intercourse in the east as the Latin differs from the Italian. The Koran Ara dels that of the literary classes; the colloquial Arabic

ever dreamed of.

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me, but, in spite of his attendance, I got no better. Finally, my husband,-reading one day of a gentleman who had had the grippe and was cured by taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,-procured, for me, a bottle of this medicine, and before I had taken half of it, I was cured. I have used the Pectoral for my children and in my family, whenever we have needed it, and have found it a specific for colds, coughs, and lung troubles."-EMILY WOOD, North St., Elkton, Md.

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was doing." Snow White Cattle. The breed of snow white cattle which were used in the sacrifices in Athens life that the figure 4 meant four single | and Rome from 2,000 to 2,500 years ago units combined. So happy was she at | is still in existence in Calabria. Great pains are taken to maintain the strain mentary though it was, that when she of blood in all its purity, and calves saw in a store on the following day the | showing a single hair of any other color

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841,064.76 \$41,064.76 Liabilities. Assets. \$67.10 Capital, 2d Series, 37 shares, \$6,924.15 Cash in bank. 3d Series, 117 shares, 19,149.71 Instalments due. 4th Series, 124 shares, 16,707.55 Interest due, 5th Series, 186 shares, 20,757.60 6th Series, 61 shares, 5,887.03 Furniture valued at 7th Series, 154 shares, 11,121.42 Loans on stock. 1,425.00 8th Series, 182 shares, 10,166.10 Bond and mortgage, 9th Series, 18 shares, 7,299.72 10th Series, 247 shares, 6.319.52 11th Series, 366 shares, 4,646,36 Loans to the Association,

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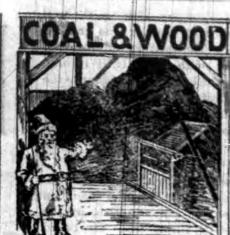
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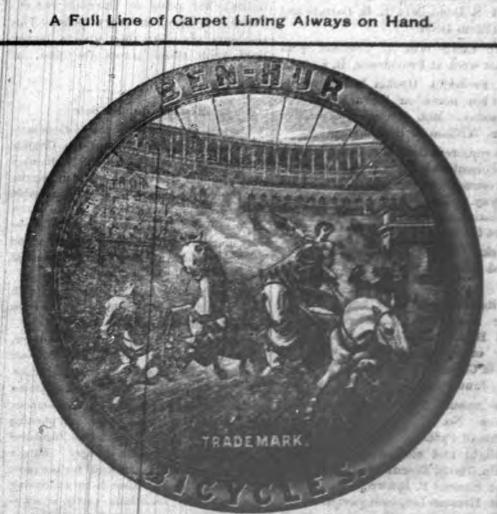
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represents a small fortune shaped muff is in again, made Pentian lamb and lined with light tone of eatin, visible at citi in a rather prominent frill. M entirely of ermine have found ediction, but a good many ble t ones are trimmed with straps se and lined with bright cerise t of ermine and ermine head gred frill of ermine edging the 1 natin lining. Feathers and for ed together this year both in t and in muffs, and physicant ; d ostrich feathers both look sed either with the favorite e or broad tail. Tibet is a p warm fur, and is very often for muffir when the manfles ed with large tifet collars

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